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- 1 a pre-assembled internal shear panel that can be installed into a building wall to reduce the risk of the building wall becoming dislodged from the foundation as a result of lateral forces such as those generated in earthquakes and high winds.

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Remarks

With this response, claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and 22 — 36 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 26, 29 and 33 are independent 10 claims.

Conclusion

- It is submitted that claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and 22 — 36 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.
- 15 The undersigned wishes to state that if the Examiner has questions about this response, the undersigned would be most happy to try to answer them on the telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION

This application is a continuation of application number 08/985,479
filed on December 5, 1997 [12-5-97] which is a continuation of 08/572,519
5 filed on December 14, 1995 [12-14-95], [N]ow US Patent no. 5,706,126.
The present invention relates to an apparatus for reducing the risk of damage
to buildings as a result of lateral forces applied to the building and, in
particular, concerns a pre-assembled internal shear panel that can be installed
into a building wall to reduce the risk of the building wall becoming dislodged
10 from the foundation as a result of lateral forces such as those generated in
earthquakes and high winds.

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